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soldiers seriously, and not as a form of amusement, to be abandoned when it becomes inconvenient. In every corps there will always be a small proportion of "cheekers," to whom discipline and its restraints are unknown. Their services can be dispensed with.

A small force efficient in all respects is far more valuable than a large one that cannot be depended upon, and the sooner we weed out the worthless elements that do more harm than good to a corps the better our chances will be of getting a Volunteer army worthy to take its proper place in the line of Imperial defence.

ALTERNATIVES FOR EMPLOYERS.

To this end employers who have many Volunteers in their service may help by making holiday arrangements that will enable clerks, shop assistants, and artisans to fulfil the conditions demanded of them as members of different corps. It is for masters to choose between the temporary inconvenience that will be caused by acceptance of these new Volunteer regulations, and the unquestioned misfortune that might be inseparable from any conscription. There is no other alternative. If we are to have an army capable of safeguarding the interests of a great Empire, the Regular forces must be supplemented within by an efficient body of trained Volunteers, or rely upon compulsory service for the number of men necessary for home defence.

Without attendance at camps of instruction no Volunteer corps, however duly commanded, can be brought up to the standard required by modern conditions of warfare, in which discipline must necessarily become a more important element than ever. From this point of view policy can maintain for a moment that the War Office is asking too much from the Volunteers.

THE PARADE QUESTION. In some minor respects, the new regulations may be objectionable and possibly impracticable, but an attitude of ungenerous hostility is not the best way to meet such difficulties.

Suggestions whereby the orders affecting company drills might be rendered more elastic would probably not be rejected if they embodied a scheme for the proper training of every unit by the officers who would have to command it in the field.

Those who know the Volunteers best are aware that their hard and fast rule insisting upon a third of the company being present on parade in order that a drill might count would never work.

But there are other means of securing the same ends if commanding officers will devote their minds to them instead of meeting the proposal by a stubborn and unflinching resistance.

With this exception, the War Office scheme presents no features that can be described as impracticable or undesirable in the best interests of Volunteer efficiency.—H. H. S. Pearce in the *Daily Mail*.

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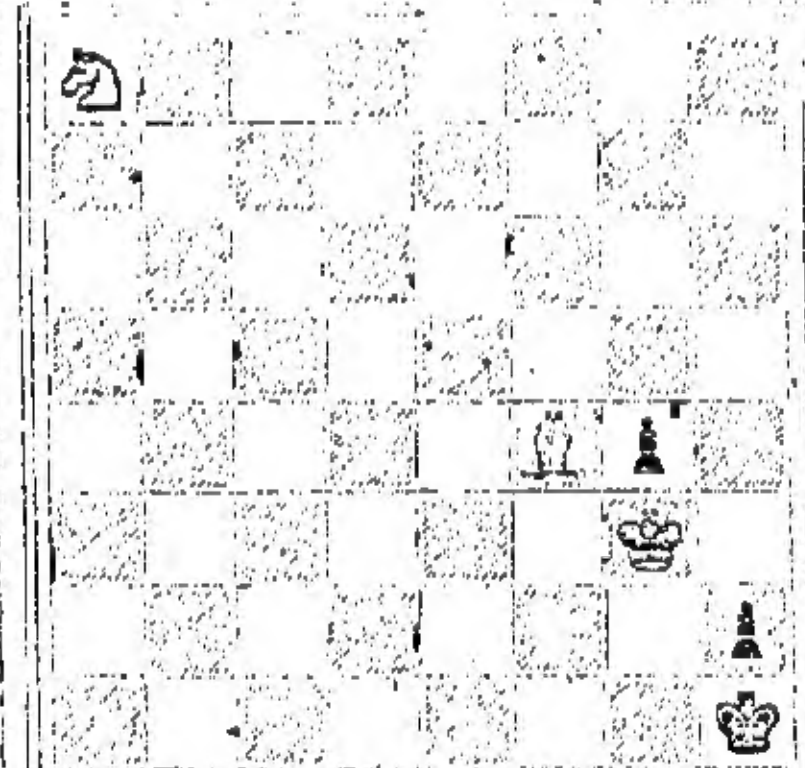
CHESS COLUMN.

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Original Problems should be accompanied by Solution and Analysis.

The Hongkong Chess Club meets every Monday and Wednesday, at 5 p.m., at the Public Library, 18, Bank Buildings.

Problem No. 57.
Black (3 pieces).



White (3 pieces).
White to play and win.

Solution to Problem No. 56 (by Kohtz and Koehelken in *The Standard*):

White: 1 Kt-B4, 2 Kt-B3, 3 Q mates at B6 or K3.
Black: 1 K-Kt5, 2 K-Kt5, 3 Q-Kt4 mate.

A chess match between members of the Commonwealth Parliament and the House of Commons, five on each side, will commence on 18th April next.

Janowsky and Maroczy are both doing well in the Monte Carlo tournament. I give this week a win by Janowsky against Gunsberg, who really lost the game on the eighteenth move and a win by Maroczy against Pillsbury, and a pretty win by Mieses over Albin.

Mr M'Cutcheon, of Pittsburg, has offered two special prizes for the best defence played at Monte Carlo in the following variation of the French Defence:—1 P to K4, P to K3; 2 P to Q4, P to Q4; 3 Kt to Q B3, Kt to K B3; 4 B to K Kt5, B to Q Kt5. The variation is a favourite with Mr M'Cutcheon, and the prize offered by him is each of 500 francs (or £20). Mr M'Cutcheon has appointed Mr G. Reichel, of Philadelphia, to award the prizes.

SICILIAN DEFENCE.
White: 1 P-K4, 2 Kt-Q B3, 3 P-Kt3, 4 B-Kt2, 5 Kt-Kt2.
Black: 1 P-Q B4, 2 P-K3, 3 Kt-Q B3, 4 Kt-B3, 5 P-Q4.

6 P-K4, 7 P-Q4, 8 B-Kt5, 9 Castles, 10 Kt-B4, 11 P-Kt3, 12 B-Kt2, 13 B-Kt2, 14 Q-K2, 15 Kt-Kt3, 16 Kt-Kt3, 17 Kt-Q, 18 B-Kt, 19 Q-R-Kt5, 20 B-Q5, 21 B-K7, 22 B-BP, 23 B-R5, 24 B(K7)-K5. Resigns.

(a) Albin overlooked the pretty 16 Kt-P, leaving the Queen unaccountably en prise. He had a disorganised position afterwards from which he could no more recover.

FRENCH DEFENCE.

White: 1 P-K4, 2 P-Q4, 3 Kt-Q B3, 4 Kt-Kt3, 5 Kt-Kt3, 6 B-Kt2, 7 Castles, 8 B-Kt2, 9 B-Kt2, 10 Q-K2, 11 B-Kt2, 12 P-B3, 13 Q-R-Kt5, 14 B-Kt3, 15 B-Kt5, 16 Kt-Kt5, 17 P-Kt3, 18 Q-Kt3, 19 Q-R5, 20 B-KtP. Resigns.

PETERSBURG DEFENCE.

White: 1 P-K4, 2 Kt-Kt3, 3 Kt-Kt3, 4 Kt-Kt3, 5 P-Q4, 6 B-Kt2, 7 Castles, 8 B-Kt2, 9 P-B3, 10 P-B4, 11 P-Kt3, 12 Kt-Kt3, 13 P-Kt3, 14 Q-Kt, 15 P-Q, 16 Kt-Kt5, 17 Kt-Kt5, 18 B-Kt4, 19 Kt-Kt5, 20 B-Q2, 21 B-Q5, 22 R-Kt, 23 R-Kt, 24 B-Kt4, 25 R-Kt, 26 R-KtP, 27 P-B4, 28 R-Kt, 29 B-Kt, 30 P-Kt3, 31 P-B5, 32 P-Kt5, 33 P-B5. Resigns.

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MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.
Meetings

3 p.m. Extraordinary Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Club.

5.30 p.m. Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Club.

Miscellaneous

Goods per *Elmer* not cleared after Noon this date subject to rent and landing charges.

General Memoranda.

TELETYPE, March 18.—

Transfer Books of The China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the 22nd instant, inclusive.

WEDNESDAY, March 19.

3 p.m. Auction of Valuable Leasehold Property (in Two Lots, at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's Sales Rooms.

Goods per *Farquhar* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, March 20.

Noon. Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

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On Feb. 12, at Little Park House,
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M. GRAY, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.
At the Church of St. Mary-le-Park,
S.W., Feb. 10, P. G. COCKRY to ANNE
LEWY GARDNER, ROY.

On Feb. 11, at St. John's Church,
Highbury, by the Rev. H. Martyn Sanders,
M.A., brother-in-law of the bride, assisted
by the Rev. C. J. Procter, M.A., Vicar of Is-
lington and Rural Dean, ALFRED WIL-
LIAM, J.M.S., younger son of M. W. Greig,
of Bushey Hall, River, Dover, and of Fien-
chow, China, to WILHELMINE, younger daughter
of the Rev. John Gilbert Dixon, M.A.,
Vicar of All Souls, Crockenhill, Kent.

DIED.
Suddenly, on the 14th March, at his
residence, Sharnon, Canton, P. A. HUGHES,
ELMAN, aged 45. Deeply regretted.

The publication of this issue commences
at 4.30 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1902.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The second reading of
THE NEW Bill entitled "An
Ordinance to consolidate
and amend the Laws
relating to Buildings" is
on the agenda paper of the Legislative
Council for Monday's meeting; but we
understand that an application will be
made by the Unofficial Members of
Council for delay to allow consideration
of the Bill in detail and that the Govern-
ment will agree to the application. It
is, of course, desirable that the new
measure should be passed into law,
probably in amended form, at as
early a date as possible; but at the
same time, the issues involved are so seri-
ous that the Government must, in reason,
allow the property owners and ar-
chitects, who are more immediately
affected by the Bill, time to consider
the full effect of the new proposals.
We understand that the local architects
have already held a conference, that the
Unofficial Members meet to-day to
consult regarding the measure, and that
the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and pro-
perty owners are also moving in the
matter.

We do not propose to enter into the
details of the measure to-day, as we
hope to have an opportunity of consid-
ering the technical criticisms of the Bill
side by side with the Bill itself. While
the window area of a room should be
one-eighth or one-tenth of the floor
area, or whether the necessary plans of
a building should be made to a scale of
one-eighth or one-sixteenth of an inch to
the foot are not questions for us to give
an opinion upon. But the general
action of the Government in sanitary
matters is a question which is open to
the criticism of all thinking men. The
first point that occurs to us is that it is
all very well for the Government to
legislate with a view to prevent prop-
erty owners from erecting insanitary or
dangerous buildings or causing needless
inconvenience to the public. But is the
Government doing all in its power to
forward the sanitation of the Colony and
to conduce to the comfort and safety of
the public in the matters which are the
Government's special province of action?
The Government is to see that the
property owners, architects and builders
do their duty. But who is to see that
the Government does its duty? Who
examines the examiners? Let us take
a few instances. Surely an adequate
water supply is essential to sanitation,
at least, we have a recollection that Mr.
Robert Chadwick says so in one of his
several reports on the water supply and
drainage of Hongkong—and surely not
even the most hardened official will
contend that we have an adequate
water supply now! Though a sum of
\$140,000 is being spent on a new reser-
voir for His Excellency the Governor,
the Colony is still without the reservoirs
that should have been built years ago.
And then the drainage system; waiving
the question of its suitability or other-
wise, should, at least, be kept clean,
and should, at least, be extended as fast
as reclamations and the building of new
areas call for it. One has only to see the
new reclamations at Yau-mai to appre-
ciate the failure of the Government in
this respect. The state of the roads is
a matter affecting all. No one can say
that they are well kept; but surely that they
should be well kept is much more es-
sential to the comfort and safety of the
ratepayers than that a chimney should
be carried at least three feet above a
roof.

Let us not be misunderstood. We
are not dealing with the merits or de-
merits of the measure now before the
Legislative Council. It will no doubt
receive its share of criticism from those

competent to judge such matters. What
we wish to bring out is that the Govern-
ment should set the property owners a
good example in sanitary matters. It
should provide the Colony with an
adequate water supply. It should main-
tain good roads and clean drains. It
should lay out adequate open spaces and
streets of sufficient width. Instead of
selling the last square foot to increase
revenue, which has to be paid back with
interest in costly resumptions. If our
Government would first attend to these
matters, it would be in a far stronger
position to enforce sanitary measures
on those it is paid to govern. At pre-
sent, our Government lives in a glass
house, and, just now, is engaged in
throwing stones.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

H. E. Sir Henry Blake had an audi-
ence of His Majesty the King at Marl-
borough House on the 12th ult.

Sir Edward Chichester, K.C.B. (Do-
ney's Manila Bay claim), has been prom-
oted to the rank of Rear-Admiral.

At the invitation of the Canadian Gov-
ernment, Prince Henry spent a few hours,
on the 5th March, on the Canadian side of
Ningao.

Prince Louis d'Orleans and Prince
Henri d'Avigne arrived at Calcutta on
the 3rd inst., and were the guests of H.E.
the Viceroy.

Mr. Alexander Young Adams, formerly
Director of Public Instruction in Ceylon,
died at Montreux, Switzerland, on the 29th
ult., aged 78 years.

Sir George White presided at a Lady-
ship dinner on the 26th ult., when tele-
grams were read from Earl Roberts and
General Sir Redvers Buller.

The death is announced of the Earl of
Perth, the oldest Peer. The deceased Earl
was born in 1807, and succeeded to the title,
after some litigation, in 1853. He is
succeeded by Viscount Strathallan.

Hongkong Christian Union.

The annual weekly prayer meeting
will be held on Monday evening, at 5.15,
in the room of the Union, 13 Boscawell
Avenue. The Bishop of Victoria will
preside.

The Indian Census.

The Indian Gazette of the 1st inst.
gives the final table of the Indian Census for
1901. The total of all India is 294,368,678.
Of this, the Native States and Agencies
contribute 62,461,349.

Music at Hongkong Hotel.

By kind permission of Lieut. Col.
Baillie and Officers, the Band of the 22nd
Bombay Infantry will play at the Hongkong
Hotel on this evening, from 8 p.m. to 9.30
p.m.

Overture—'Banditen Streiche' Suppe
Selection—'Rip Van Winkle' Planquette
Valse—'Happy Thoughts' Prout
Song—'The Lost Chord' Sullivan
Fantasia—'Dois' Buck
Dance—'Reminiscences of' Godfrey
Selection—'Scotland' Godfrey

The Cholera at Canton.

Mr Fritz A. Brückelmann, the Canton
representative of Messrs. Reuter, Brückel-
mann and Co., merchants, Princes Build-
ings, Hongkong, died very suddenly yester-
day afternoon, at 1.30 p.m. Mr Brückelmann
had been on a visit to Hongkong, and only
returned to resume duty on the Sharnon
on Thursday night. The symptoms were
similar to those experienced by the other
European victims of cholera in Canton.

The sad news of Mr Brückelmann's de-
mise was received in Canton, where he was
the oldest and best known merchant, with
much sorrow, and the different flags were
half-masted out of respect. He had been in
Canton over twenty years, and had built
up an extensive export business for his
firm. It is stated that he took sick on the
way up to Canton, having eaten some
lobster salad on board the *Potomac*, on which
he was a passenger. This story is, how-
ever, contradicted by the Captain of the
steamer, who states that there was no
lobster on board, and that the more prob-
able theory is that Mr Brückelmann
caught the disease in Hongkong since Tues-
day. He was 44 years of age, and leaves
a widow and three children, all of whom
reside on Sharnon. We hear that the
special restrictions of keeping passengers
on board all night, etc., have been taken
off the boats plying from Canton to Macao.
The authorities at Macao are, however,
keeping a watchful eye on cases of sickness,
the ravages of the last cholera epidemic
there being still fresh in their minds. The
late Mr Brückelmann was Vice-Consul for
Sweden and Norway.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Pope's Jubilee.

The Earl of Donbigh was sent to Rome
as Special Envoy from the King to con-
gratulate the Pope on the occasion of his
Jubilee.

The Chinese Regiment.

On the 27th ult., Mr St. John Brad-
rick, replying to a question in the House
of Commons, said it was intended to ask
for the usual vote for the Chinese Regi-
ment.

The British Army Uniform.

Messrs. J. & K. Karples & Co. suggest-
ed to the Bengal Chamber of Commerce
that they should move in favour of the
adoption of blue as the colour for the Brit-
ish Army uniform, instead of khaki, in
view of the present depressed condition of
the Indian indigo industry; but the Cham-
ber was unable to see their way to recom-
mending the adoption of the suggestion by
the Government.

Death of Mrs. Rizal.

We learn that Mrs. Josefine Abad,
widow of Dr. Rizal, the Filipino martyr, to
whose memory a monument is to be erect-
ed in Manila, with the countenance of the
American authorities, died yesterday morn-
ing at No. 87, Praya East, where she had
been residing for some time. The funeral
took place this morning at Happy Valley,
and was attended by a number of promi-
nent Filipinos. Dr. Rizal was shot by the
Spaniards on the Luneta, Manila, during
the Filipino rebellion against Spanish rule.

Formosa Coal.

We learn from Messrs. Hughes and
Hough's coal report of yesterday's date that
the *Kaga* Miao arrived here on the 7th
inst., with 2500 tons of coal from Taiwan,
the coal being brought to order, while the
steamer *Formosa* brought 500 tons of
Formosa coal, for sale, on the 11th inst.
Between the 17th February and the 11th
inst., twelve steamers arrived here with
coal, 8 from Moji, 1 from Tainan, 1 from
Wales, and 2 from Formosa. The market
is reported 'very dull for all kinds.'

Subscription Wagers for Hongkong.

Contrary to expectations in view of the
importance of the meeting, there was a very
small attendance of the members of Hong-
kong Jockey Club at the meeting held to-
day, for the purpose of deciding as to the
steps to be taken to procure Australian Sub-
scription griffins for next year's races. These
present were Messrs T. F. Hough, G. C. C.
Master, H. P. White, F. H. Hohnke, J.
Meyer and T. S. Forrest. After some pri-
vate discussion, it was agreed, on the motion
of Mr. Master seconded by Mr. White, that
as Mr. Hough is about to visit Australia, he
be asked to telegraph his recommendation
and the cost of waler griffins to subscribers
on as early a date as he can conveniently.

The Dredger.

The notorious dredger, *Canton River*,
was put up to auction yesterday by Messrs
Hughes and Hough, acting on instructions
from the Commercial Union Assurance
Company. Bidding was started at \$50,000,
and rapidly rose to \$84,000, this figure be-
ing offered by Mr. W. S. Bailey, shipbuilder;
but she was bought in for \$84,500 by the
Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd. The
Canton River was built in 1897 by Messrs
Flaming & Ferguson, of Paisley, and was
sent out from the Clyde to the order of
Messrs. Pundhard, Lowther & Co., the
contractors for the Naval Yard extension.
She cost \$45,000, and was fully insured.
The disastrous typhoon of November, 1900,
sank her in the Harbour, and the many
attempts to raise her will be remembered
by our readers.

Bluejacket Killed.

In the small hours of yesterday morn-
ing, a bluejacket named William Blair, be-
longing to H.M.S. *Rambler*, met with a
shocking death. Along with a number of
men from H. M. S. *Ocean* and his own ship,
he had taken a bad for the night in the
Criterion Hotel, a well-known saloon.
It was late when they arrived at the hotel,
and according to the landlady of the place,
the men had no drink. They occupied a
back room, where there were no fewer than
14 camp-beds, and were packed together
like a tin of sardines. In the course of the
night, Blair got up, telling his companion that
he was going outside. Shortly afterwards a
heavy fall was heard, and, on investigation,
it was found that Blair, in attempting to
climb a bamboo scaffolding, to enter a
room on the second floor had fallen into the
yard, a distance of 35 feet. In the course of
his fall he struck a zinc sunshade covering
the window of a room on the ground floor.
The sunshade was torn from its place.
Blair fell on his head, which was
bleeding freely, and died in a few minutes
from fractured skull. Deceased, who was
only 24 years of age, was buried yesterday
afternoon at Happy Valley.

COUGHS AND COLDS IN CHILDREN.

RECOMMENDATION OF A WELL-KNOWN
CHINESE MEDICAN.

I use and prescribe Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy for almost all obstinate, con-
stricted coughs, with direct results. I pre-
scribe to children of all ages. Am glad to
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relief from colds and coughs and bronchial
affections. It is non-narcotic and safe in
the hands of the most unprofessional. A
universal panacea for all mankind.—Mrs.
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cago, Ill., U. S. A. For sale by All
Dealers; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE NICARAGUA CANAL BILL.

LONDON, 13th March, 1902.

Advices from Washington state that the
United States House of Representatives has
passed the Nicaragua Canal Bill.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Movements of De Wet and Steyn.

It is reported that Commandant De Wet
and ex-President Steyn crossed the main
railway line on Sunday night to the North
of Welvestock, Orange River Colony, going
West, suggesting that they intend to join
hands with Commandant Delarey.

The Capture of Lord Methuen.

Mr Brodrick has announced that Lord
Methuen is expected to arrive at 'Klerks-
dorp' to-day, and that he is doing well.

CHINA AND MANILA S.S. CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report for presenta-
tion to the Shareholders at the nineteenth
ordinary general meeting to be held at the
Office of the General Managers on Satur-
day, 22nd inst.—

Amovsed we beg to submit to Sharehold-
ers the usual annual statement of accounts
for the year ending 31st December, 1901.

The net profit, including the balance
brought forward, amounts to \$115,594.47,
which it is proposed to deal with as follows:

To place in Reserve Fund ... \$ 5,000.00

To carry forward to next year's
account ... 110,594.47

In accordance with the Special Resolu-
tions passed on 28th December, 1901, the
Capital of the Company was raised to
\$1,500,000, but, as very little of the ad-
ditional Capital has been subscribed
by shareholders, the profits of the year have
all been absorbed in the purchase of the new
boats, and there are, therefore, no funds
available for the payment of a dividend.

The s.s. *Zepher* commenced running on
the line on 30th November, 1901, and has
given great satisfaction.

Canvassing Committee.—Mr D. Gillies
having resigned, Mr J. S. Van Buren was
appointed in his place, but does not intend
himself for re-election this year. In re-
sponse to the Articles of Association, Messrs
N. A. Siebs and H. P. White retire, but
offer themselves for re-election. The
General Managers also recommended the
election of Messrs. P. E. Brown and G. H.
Medhurst as additional members of the
Canvassing Committee.

Auditors.—Mr F. Henderson retires on
leaving for home, and Mr W. H. Potts is
recommended for election in his place. Mr
T. Arnold offers himself for re-election.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

The Art Journal.

The leading feature of *The Art Journal*
for February is the reproduction of the
original ceiling 'Lillibeg Palace' from
the needle of Axel Herman Haig, R. E.
The artist, it is readily seen, has succeeded
in striking an uncommonly happy note in
his portrayal of one of the most historic
seats of old time Scottish royalty. As if
still bidding defiance, the roofless walls and
grim battlements stand out boldly against a
splendid sky, in striking contrast to their
peaceful surroundings. The lake below,
with its gentle ripples and the swans gliding
over its surface towards the grassy slopes
of the island beyond, gives little indication
of the history-making epoch of Queen
Mary, but these bleak battlements still re-
main crusted with age, a lasting monument
to a stirring period in Scottish history.

Kate Greenaway, though dead still lives.
As an illustrator of children's books she ex-
celled. Birthday books, almanacs, and
children's stories found that she had a
happily sympathetic pencil. Her life is
briefly sketched in this number by Austin
Dolson, who, having the pleasure of per-
sonal acquaintance with her, is able to
impart a freshness to his story which
unwitting pleasant reading. In all Britain,
there is no prettier and no more
quaint scenery than that which is to be
found on the river Wye, in Wales. Mr A. R.
Quinton's pen gives an able
description of it, the value of which is
enhanced by a number of charming illus-
trations from the same artist's hand. A recent
exhibition of drawings by Mr C. H. Shannon
forms the subject of another excellent
article, and reproductions of a number of
this clever artist's works help to swell the
pages of the number. The celebrated
engraver William Woollett is long dead to
the world, but a newly discovered chalk
drawing of himself by himself, which
has been hidden from public view
for over 100 years, has revived interest in his
work. The drawing is reproduced along
with a brief article. Mr Lewis F. Day
contributes an article entitled 'An Heraldic
Artist of To-day.' Heraldry is essentially
an art of the middle ages, but it seems that
there is a revival as perusal of this excellent
article and the splendid illustrations will
indicate. The Decoration of the Scottish
National Portrait Gallery, which so many
have admired, is dealt with in fitting
language by W. Matthews Gilbert. An
interesting biographical sketch of the
eminent sculptor Edward Onslow Ford,
R.A., by Frank Rinder, is also included.
The usual notes on passing events and re-
cent art-publications conclude what is really
a valuable, interesting, and instructive
number.

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been one continuous flow of letters bearing
testimony to the truly wonderful cures effected
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**HONGKONG AND THE
CORONATION.**

In answer to the Hongkong Govern-
ment's request for instructions regarding
the forthcoming coronation ceremonies,
Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial
Secretary, has received intimation from the
Home Colonial Office that instructions will
arrive in due course. In this connection,
we might state that it would be well for the
local community to take steps without
much further delay to make arrangements
for the local celebration of the im-
portant event in a manner worthy
of the best traditions of Hongkong.
It is to be hoped that the Navy and Army
will be well to the front on this auspicious
occasion, as the Colony, without doubt,
lends itself admirably to both Naval and
Military displays. It is unfortunate, per-
haps, that some of those who have assisted
in former celebrations, such as those of the
Jubilee of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria
and the Jubilee of the Colony, will be leaving
Hongkong before the coronation, but it
would be well were the Colony to avail it-
self of their experience and advice before
allowing them to depart.

The Chairman of the Queen's Jubilee
function was the Hon. C. P. Chater,
who, we understand, intends to take a trip
to Europe this year. Sir Thomas Jackson
was Treasurer and the valuable collector
of funds, in which respect he was seconded
by the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart,
our popular Colonial Secretary, who was the
Honorary Secretary of the Committee, and, indeed, took a
very liberal share of the arduous
work connected with the function.
We are afraid that all of these gentlemen
may be absent from the Colony when the
coronation ceremonies are being celebrated,
but it would be, as already stated, a good
thing to make use of their former experi-
ence

